

ARTICLE APPEARED
ON PAGE C-8

WASHINGTON POST
20 September 1985

OBITUARIES

Dr. DeForest Van Slyck, 86, a retired official of the CIA where he had served on the Board of National Estimates, died of a stroke Sept. 15 at a hospital in New London, Conn. A resident of Washington, he was stricken while vacationing in Connecticut.

Dr. Van Slyck was born in New York City. He graduated from Yale University, where he also earned a doctorate in history. During World War I, he served in the Navy.

Between the wars, he taught history at Yale and worked for two investment brokerage firms in New York. During World War II, he served in the Army Air Forces, attaining the rank of colonel. His military decorations included the Legion of Merit.

He moved to Washington in 1946. He went to work for the CIA when it was created in 1947. In 1950, he became a member of the Board of National Estimates, which evaluates data gathered by the agency. He received the agency's Distinguished Intelligence Medal when he retired in 1960.

Dr. Van Slyck was a past president and an honorary president of International Student House, a center for foreign students in Washington.

Survivors include his wife, the former Katharine Gamble Rogers, of Washington; two sons, Ashley, of Reno, Nev., and Peter, of Old Black Point, Conn.; two daughters, Anne Van Slyck King of Cambridge, Mass., and Edith Van Slyck, of New York City; 10 grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.